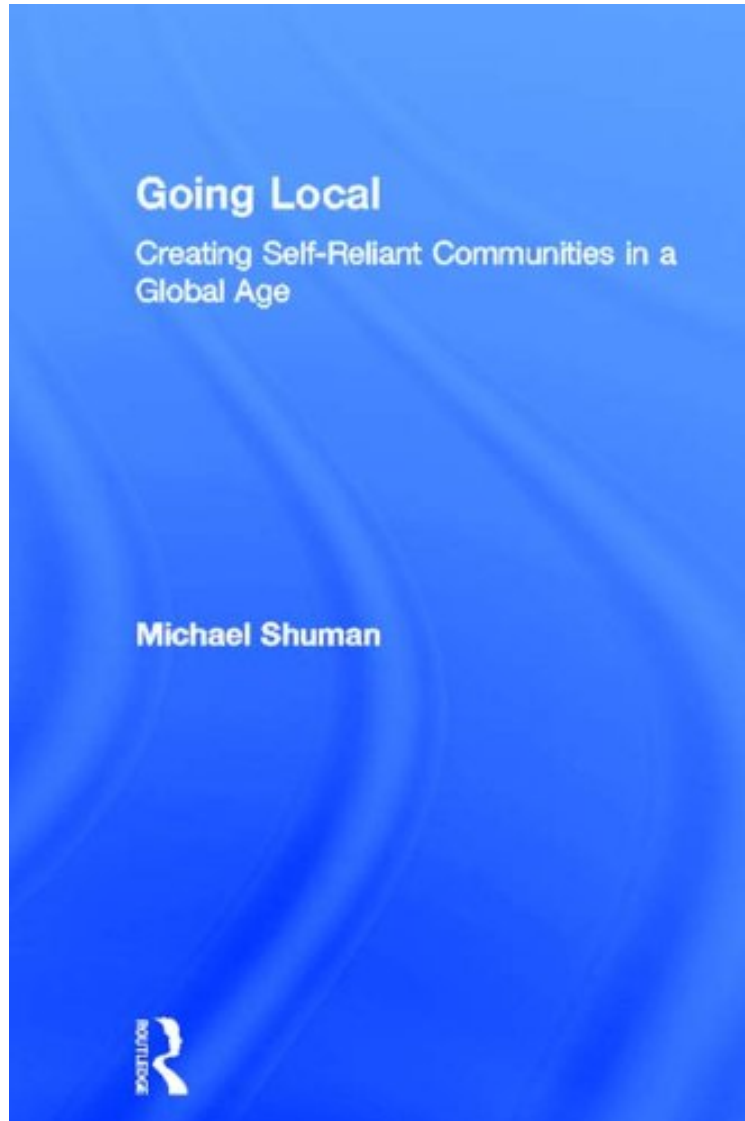


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Michael Shuman : Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities in a Global Age before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities in a Global Age:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Highly Recommended! By H. Messinger I am a journalist who writes a blog about how and why to buy local. This book is the most helpful resource I have found to date. It is easy to read, well-researched and highly informative. The chapters are divided logically and can easily stand alone. Shuman refers to a wide variety of credible sources when making his arguments: history, government statistics, economists and sociologists. The Appendix includes an extensive list of helpful organizations, businesses, non-profits, etc., complete

with phone numbers, websites and email addresses. The Notes section contains a complete bibliography of all of the books referenced. Shuman not only points out what is wrong with the practice of globalism, but also what is right about the practice of localism. What surprised me even more is that he actually makes realistic suggestions for how to practice localism. My favorite quote from this book is in the Introduction and reads: "Going local does not mean walling off the outside world. It means nurturing locally owned businesses which use local resources sustainably, employ local workers at decent wages, and serve primarily local consumers. It means becoming more self-sufficient and less dependent on imports. Control moves from the boardrooms of distant corporations and back into the community where it belongs." 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Worthy of a very wide audience By Michael Totten Michael Shuman opens up a world of opportunities and possibilities largely neglected in U.S. economic development policies and practices. Excellent book that well deserves widespread reading and application of insights. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Not What I Expected By Harold Forbes I already believe in the tenants behind "going local". I was looking for detailed case studies on how to get it started in my community. This book is more superficial; trying to convince you that going local is a good thing. The case studies are few and barely more than mentioned. The book contains a disappointing number of "things the government should do" to force or subsidize going local - which seems anathema to me. Part of going local should be not depending on the government.

National drug chains squeeze local pharmacies out of business, while corporate downsizing ships jobs overseas. All across America, communities large and small are losing control of their economies to outside interests. Going Local shows how some cities and towns are fighting back. Refusing to be overcome by Wal-Marts and layoffs, they are taking over abandoned factories, switching to local produce and manufactured goods, and pushing banks to loan money to local citizens. Shuman details how dozens of communities are recapturing their own economies with these new strategies, investing not in outsiders but in locally owned businesses.